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December 16, 2005

Ref: 3135-23663

Honorable James H. Welsh Commissioner of Conservation Post Office Box 94275 Baton Rouge, LA 70804-4275

Re:

Hearing Application

Lower Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, SUBB

VERNON FIELD

Jackson Parish, Louisiana

Applicant: Cabot Oil & Gas Corporation

Dear Mr. Commissioner:

Application is hereby made on behalf of **Cabot Oil & Gas Corporation** for the calling of a public hearing, after ten days legal notice, to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an order pertaining to the following matters regarding the Lower Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, SU BB, Vernon Field, Jackson Parish, Louisiana, for which rules and regulations were established and drilling and production units were created by the Office of Conservation Order No. 798-B-1, effective August 18, 1982.

- 1. To grant an exception to the spacing provisions of Statewide Order No. 29-E and Office of Conservation Order No. 798-B Series of Orders and to permit applicant, Cabot Oil & Gas Corporation to drill, designate and utilize the Cabot Oil & Gas Corporation-Davis Bros. 10 No. 3-Alt Well as an additional alternate unit well for the LCV RA SU BB, such well to be at the location shown on the plat attached hereto and made a part hereof;
- To grant a single unit allowable for the LCV RA SU BB and to permit the operator of the unit to produce said unit allowables from the unit well, the alternate unit wells or the proposed alternate unit well, or from a combination of the wells, at its option;
- 3. To make a specific finding that such proposed alternate unit well is necessary to effectively and efficiently drain a portion of the LCV RA SU BB which cannot be efficiently and economically drained by any other well within the unit.
- 4. To confirm Cabot Oil & Gas Corporation as operator of the LCV RA SU BB;

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- 5. To find that, except to the extent contrary to the order granted by the Commissioner of Conservation in connection with the hearing held on this application, the provisions of Office of Conservation No. 798-B Series of Orders shall remain in full force and effect;
- 6. To provide that the Commissioner of Conservation should be authorized to reclassify the sand and reservoir by supplemental order without the necessity of a public hearing if the producing characteristics of each reservoir changes and evidence to justify such reclassification is submitted to and accepted by the Commissioner of Conservation, and
- 7. To consider such other matters relating to the subject reservoir as may be appropriate and justified by the evidence presented at the public hearing.

The Lower Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, Vernon Field, Jackson Parish, Louisiana was redefined in Office of Conservation Order No. 798-B-23, effective January 22, 2002.

Attached hereto and made a part hereof is a plat outlining the LCV RA SU BB, Vernon Field, Jackson Parish, Louisiana, and a list of the names and addresses of the interested owners, represented parties and interested parties to whom this notice is being sent. It is hereby certified that a reasonable effort was made to ascertain the names and addresses of all interested owners, represented parties and interested parties.

A copy of the list of the names and addresses of the interested owners, represented parties and interested parties is not being mailed to those parties along with this pre-application notice. Should any such party desire a copy of this list, however, we will be glad to provide one upon request.

Any pertinent data relating to the proposed unit can be obtained, AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY, from Mr. Bill McAlister of Leon Comeaux & Associates, P. O. Box 53922, Lafayette, LA 70505 (337) 233-9839.

Finally, there is enclosed our check on behalf of the applicant in the amount of \$755.00, made payable to the Office of Conservation, which represents the required hearing application fee.

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BJD:ht Attachments

cc: Mr. James Broussard, District Manager
Office of Conservation

All Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties

